

United States Government

Department of Energy

# memorandum

Western Area Power Administration

DATE: OCT 14 2003

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: G0400

SUBJECT: Hoover Dam Bypass Project - Phase II


TO: J. Tyler Carlson, G0000

THRU:

Please find attached for your approval the Environmental Assessment (EA), DOE/EA-1478, and for your signature the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the subject project. The FONSI is based on the analysis of impacts presented in the EA. A Mitigation Action Plan (MAP) has been prepared to address two mitigation measures that are essential to rendering the impacts of the proposed action not significant: 1) mitigating impacts to historic facilities, 2) avoiding and mitigating impacts to archaeological sites during construction, 3) avoiding and monitoring for the Mojave Desert tortoise, 4) avoiding and monitoring for the Gila monster, and 5) avoiding and monitoring for the peregrine falcon. The MAP is incorporated into the EA as Appendix A.

Consultations for the Endangered Species Act and National Historic Preservation Act compliance have been completed and the results have been incorporated into the EA and FONSI. In addition, Government-to-Government consultations have been completed with affected Tribes and their interests have been incorporated into the mitigation planning conducted for the project.

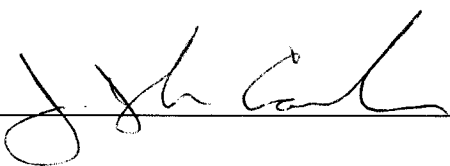
The Customer Service Center, National Environmental Policy Act Coordinator has been briefed on the FONSI and concurs with its findings. Please contact me at extension 2592 if you have any questions.



John R. Holt  
Environmental Manager

Attachments

APPROVED:

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DISAPPROVED:

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**OCT 27 2003**

cc:

Director of NEPA Compliance and Assistance, EH-42, Washington, DC  
(w/copy of FONSI)